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## **JUNKING FOR POLICE AUTHORIZED TOWS ONLY**

IC 9-22-1-13 indicates that the junk value of an abandoned vehicle or parts is \$500.00. In order to junk a vehicle, photographs must accompany the completed Form 322B when submitted to the bureau or else the vehicle cannot be junked. The newest Form 322B has a vehicle status box named "JUNK". This box must be marked. The older Form 322Bs have money values, but none are set at \$500. As a result it is necessary for the officer to indicate "abandoned junk" under the reason for tow section of the form. The tow company or enforcement agency must submit the completed Form 322B and photographs of the vehicle to the Abandoned Vehicle Department within 72 hours of the tow. Based on IC 9-22-1-19b, if the required documents (Form 322B **and** photographs) are not received within the 72 hour limit, the tow company cannot collect storage fees beyond the first 72 hours until the form has been received into our office. Once the Abandoned Vehicle Department has received the Form 322B and photographs, the storage fees may resume. Per IC 9-22-1-4-1b & c; the costs for storage of an abandoned vehicle may not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500) and that once sold the previous owner is not responsible for any towing or storage fees. Once the Form 322B has been received by the bureau, the Abandoned Vehicle Department will enter the information into the computer. Each of these vehicles will be run through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) per IC 9-22-1-20 to ensure the vehicle was not reported stolen and to obtain any out of state information for further letter notifications. Once all of the necessary owner/lienholder notifications have taken place, the Abandoned Vehicle Department will contact the tow company and supply them with a notice on BMV letterhead listing the vehicles and the dates the vehicles may then be junked. If, however, a vehicle is claimed, the tow company must send the signed and dated releases (the 8 1/2" x 11" pink Form 322B) to the Abandoned Vehicle Department.

Private or rental property tows cannot be processed as junk. Because these are not police authorized tows, none of these vehicles can be declared junk without first going through the entire Mechanic's Lien process and obtaining title. Once you hold title you may dispose of them.

If you have any questions, please call the Abandoned Vehicle Department at (317) 591-5310.